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1. IMPERIAL DECREE OF JULY 17 NAMED PRIME MINISTER MAIDOU'S NEW GOVERNMENT. MOST OF THE FACES ARE THE SAME, ALTHOUGH THERE HAVE BEEN SOME PROMOTIONS, TWO DISMISSALS AND SEVEN ADDITIONS.

2. ALPHONSE KOYAMBA REMAINS AS FIRST DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER, IN CHARGE OF ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL MATTERS. JOSEPH POTOLOT HAS MOVED UP TO SECOND VICE PRIME MINISTER, STILL IN CHARGE OF INTERIOR BUT ALSO WITH COORDINATION RESPONSIBILITY FOR ADMINISTRATIVE AND SOCIAL QUESTIONS.

3. MINISTERS OF STATE ARE ANDRE DIEUDONNE MAGALE, NOW IN CHARGE OF PUBLIC WORKS; MADAME ZANA-FE, WHO CONTINUES IN CHARGE OF SOCIAL AFFAIRS, AND LOUIS ALAZOULA, WHO IS STILL IN CHARGE OF TRANSPORT BUT IS PROMOTED TO MINISTER OF STATE.

4. OF INTEREST AMONG THE MINISTERIAL APPOINTMENTS IS THE RETURN  
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OF JEAN-PAUL MOKODOPO AS FOREIGN MINISTER, A POST FROM WHICH HE WAS REMOVED IN APRIL 1977. MICHEL GBEZERA-BRIA, FORMER FOREIGN MINISTER, GOES BACK TO THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC OFFICES AND SOCIAL SECURITY. THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE IS TRANSFERRED BACK TO THE GOVERNMENT FROM THE IMPERIAL COURT AND IS NOW OCCUPIED BY LOUIS LAKOUAMA, A CIVIL SERVANT MOST RECENTLY AT THE TREASURY. THE FINANCE MINISTER IS NOW FRANCOIS EPAYE, FORMERLY WITH THE BANQUE

CENTRAFRICAINE DE DEPOTS. FORMER MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE JEAN-PIERRE LABOUDER MOGES TO THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND IS REPLACED AT AGRICULTURE BY EMMANUEL ABDUL, A SOVIET-TRAINED AGRICULTURE EXPERT. THE NEW MINISTER OF EDUCATION IS JEAN-CLAUDE KAZABI, WHO HAS BEEN AN INSPECTOR OF EDUCATION. TTA MINISTERS OF INFORMATION, HEALTH, MINES, JUSTICE, COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY AND POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS REMAIN THE SAME.

5. OUR OVERALL IMPRESSION IS THAT MAIDOU HAS PRODUCED ANOTHER LARGELY TECHNOCRATIC CABINET. IT SHOULD BE ABOUT AS EFFICIENT (OR INEFFICIENT) AS ITS PREDECESSOR. WE ASSUME THAT THE EMPEROR MADE THE FINAL DECISIONS ON WHO WENT WHERE AND THAT SOME OF THE CHANGES WERE REQUESTED TO GET CONTROL OF MORE PATRONAGE (E.G. MAGALE FROM PLANNING TO PUBLIC WORKS).

6. FULL LIST FOLLOWS BY AIRGRAM.  
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